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SUBJ: METALWORKERS STRIKE THREAT

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1. SOURCE WITHIN METALWORKERS UNION HAS TOLD US THAT SINCE UNION HAS NOT RECEIVED "CONCRETE" OFFER FROM EMPLOYERS, STRIKES WILL BEGIN EARLY OCTOBER 16. DAIMLER-BENZ AND BOSCH ARE EXPECTED TO BE INITIAL STRIKE TARGETS.

2. EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATION SOURCE SAYS UNION TURNED DOWN PROPOSAL FOR NEW DISCUSSIONS. PRESS SPECULATION ON LOCKOUT BASED ON ERRONEOUS ASSUMPTION THAT 1971 LOCKOUT DECISION APPLIES TO SUBSEQUENT STRIKES. ASSOCIATION COUNCIL WOULD IN FACT HAVE TO MAKE NEW DECISION TO CALL LOCKOUT NOW. EMPLOYERS EXPECT UNION TO AGREE TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS ONLY AFTER HAVING DEMONSTRATED THEIR STRIKE POWER, PERHAPS AT END OF THIS WEEK OR NEXT WEEK.

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3. BW GOVERNMENT SOURCES (MINISTERS BRUNNER AND SCHIESS) INFORM
US OF CONTINUING OFFICIAL EFFORTS AT HIGHEST LEVELS TO SOLVE DIS-
PUTE WITH MINIMUM INFLATIONARY EFFECT AND ASSURE US THAT VIO-
LENCE NOT EXPECTED. RUCHTI

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